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estimated in terms of money. But I can tell the hon. Member that the object of this scheme is to raise, before the end of the first Five-year Plan, the standard of living of the people in the villages to at least three times the present level as a result of the various services that are proposed to be done under the National Extension Service Schemes."

Gambling cases in Tiruchirappalli.

* 4 *Q*.—Sri M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the number of cases of gambling in the name of playing cards that have been booked in Tiruchirappalli district in the year 1952?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" One thousand, six hundred and forty-seven cases of gambling with playing cards were booked in Tiruchirappalli district in the year 1952."

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" May I know, whether the Government will furnish statistics with regard to gambling cases in other districts also, particularly the City of Madras? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Certainly we will supply the figures if a separate question is put on the subject."

Sri M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM :—" May I know whether the Government are aware whether gambling is going on in almost all the clubs and if so, what steps have the Government proposed to take against such clubs? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The various forms of gambling which is done in clubs do not generally offend the law. For example, token coins are used. These matters should be left to the good sense of the people."

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister for Finance and Education is also booking rich gamblers just as the Hon. the Minister in charge of Prohibition has very rightly been booking rich offenders against the Prohibition Act? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, some of the people charged in gambling cases are also rich people."

Sri M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. the Chief Minister has ever played cards? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Not on stakes, Sir."

Sri ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" May I know, Sir, whether poker which is played in every officers' club comes under 'gambling'? "

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Poker is a harmless game."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think it comes under gambling."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—" May I know whether betting on horse racing is included in this? " 11-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. This refers only to gambling with playing-cards."

Land colonization scheme for Todas.

* 5 *Q.*—DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have introduced any land colonization scheme for the Todas in the Nilgiris; and

(*b*) if so, the extent of land brought under cultivation under this scheme?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know whether a seven man committee was appointed in the year 1947 to make a survey of the Toda area and also make all possible arrangements for cultivation and creation of colonies in the Toda area? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of the seven man committee of 1947. I am aware that one Mr. Srikant, Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Tribes, made certain suggestions in 1951 for ameliorating the conditions of the Todas. The formation of two Land Colonization Societies in a block of 154 acres in Ootacamund was suggested. But the lands in question were situated in Wenlock Downs, which the State Government had decided to preserve as a national park. We could not get a block of 100 acres of Government waste land either in Ootacamund or Coonoor. The Todas were not willing to settle in Gudalur. In view of that the proposal was dropped."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know whether the Todas will be given the same preference as the Scheduled Castes in this case? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I said that there is no proposal to start any colony at present. If and when we arrive at a definite conclusion in this regard, the suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."